

Indiana Licensed Child Care Center Advisory Board
April 16, 2015

Minutes

Attending (either in person or by phone):

Melanie Brizzi, Lisa Clifford, Tim Dunnuck, Teri Kosik, Kathy Layman, Traci Mehay, Sharon Molargik, Marie Pace, Lucinda Nord (United Way), Cheryl Miller (Indiana Head Start Assoc)

Marie Pace called the meeting to order.

Lucinda gave updates on the following: This handout was emailed from Lisa Clifford on 4/16 – see the handout for additional policy updates:

Legislation

- ***Smoothing the Child Care Cliff Effect***
 - HB1616 passed the House and first committee in the Senate but died for lack of hearing in the Senate Appropriations
 - Federal requirements under reauthorized Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) will require 12-month eligibility and a process to transition parents as their income increases
- **State Funding for CCDF** - The Governor's, House and Senate versions of the budget include state funding appropriate for the match to draw down CCDBG for CCDF. IaUW testified to increase the funding to keep up with the growing wait list for CCDF.
- **On My Way Pre-K** was funded at \$10M /year to continue the 5-county pilot in all three budgets (Governor's, House and Senate).
- **Early Education Matching Grant (EEMG)** Program continued funding at \$2M/year in the Governor's and House versions of the budget but was removed from the Senate version of the budget. Grants announced for the Aug-June period are safe, but not beyond that. IaUW, IAAYC and State Alliance of YMCAs are alerting advocates to call their legislators. IaUW will have an advocacy alert in its Friday newsletter.
- **State Budget** – The Senate passed a \$31.5B budget 4/15. Most human services were sustained or increased, except funding for 211 and EEMG was removed in Senate version. The revenue forecast came out this morning and showed that FY2016 will require about \$120M in cuts and then about \$91M in cuts in FY2017. While education and human service advocates were mainly pleased with House and Senate versions of budget, the final budget may see cuts in important areas.

BUREAU UPDATE

- Lisa Clifford emailed the new consultant map to the committee members.
- 615 Licensed Centers
- Melanie said there has been a small decline in homes
- CCDF changes will be coming by early 2016 – the changes are to be more family friendly (possibly 1 year vouchers instead of 6 months).
- May be changing some program license end dates to quarterly in order to reshuffle consultants caseloads. There will be a letter sent if a program will be affected by this decision.
- Consent forms for background checks may be going automated – more to come.
- Indiana is very well situated with federal reauthorization.

- With the upcoming July 1 CCDF Provider Eligibility changes, licensed providers that do not accept the voucher may want to consider it – there could be some non-licensed providers who will not choose to meet these changes and the voucher families will need some where to attend.
- PTQ enrollment: 2500 total
 - 90% of all licensed centers are participating
 - 63% of all homes are participating
 - 15% of ministries

Cheryl Miller spoke on behalf of Head Start. She said that Head Start is celebrating 50 years (20 years for Early Head Start).

4 counties were awarded TRC grants to expand partnerships with child care facilities. The areas awarded the grants are Madison County; South Bend area; Marion County; and Lake County.

The following link is an article on Madison County:

http://www.heraldbulletin.com/news/local_news/briefs/trc-receives-grant-to-expand-early-head-start-to-serve/article_94f02111-c151-50a4-af50-259b0c9ba121.html

2015 MEETING DATES, 1p-3p
JUNE 18, SEPTEMBER 17 (all 3rd Thursdays of the month)

Reminder: The CCDF Agreement committee meets 10:30a-Noon on the same dates.

The meeting was adjourned
Respectively Submitted,
Traci Mehay, Secretary